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▶ Canadian freestyle skier Sarah Burke holds her gold medal after winning the women's superpipe event at the Winter X Games 13 at Buttermilk Ski Area, near Aspen, Colo., on Jan. 23, 2009. Burke has died from injuries sustained in a crash last week in Utah, her family confirmed Thursday. She was 29. Story, page 12.

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Canadian skier dies in hospital

Union fears mass EMS resignations

Survey to gather medic feedback will likely be distributed in Calgary next week ◐ Two-thirds of Edmonton staff questioned are looking elsewhere for job opportunities

Suffering morale among Alberta EMS workers brings the threat of resignations that could cripple a service already stretched beyond capacity, says a union representative.

A survey of Edmonton emergency responders made public by Fast Forward Weekly earlier this month indicated widespread frustration and complaints aimed at Alberta Health Service upper management.

As a result, roughly two-thirds of the 146 workers polled indicated they are actively exploring other employment possibilities.

Similar questions will now be posed to a sample of the 470 front-line ambulance workers in Calgary next week and it is expected some of the same concerns will emerge, said the labour-union president of Health Sciences Association of Alberta.

"If people leave in droves, we have got a problem with where do we find people to do the work," Elisabeth Ballermann said. "Just saying we can ignore these concerns is not an option."

Other concerns offered by Edmonton workers include high call volume and faulty equipment. An EMS staff member who has been employed in the Calgary area for years confirmed much of the discontent expressed in the survey.

"It's almost like complaints are falling on deaf ears," said the individual, who requested anonymity. "Nothing ever seems to get done."

AHS has now established a joint committee to explore the concerns ventured by EMS staff, but concerns of resignations are not top-of-mind, said chief financial officer Chris Mazurkewich.

"We are always looking to recruit," he added.

Ballermann said the downward spiral of EMS working conditions seems to have been sparked with the shift of control from individual municipalities to a governing health ministry in 2009. Moving forward, she believes the system can work, but employees need to feel valued.

"AHS has not succeeded in saying, 'You are now our employees and we value your opinion,'" she said.

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Emergency response

- **Code Red.** Edmonton EMS survey respondents indicated they have experienced a lack of resources, including Code Reds — meaning no ambulances are available to respond to emergencies — at some point during at least one of their past four shifts.
- **Code Orange.** In Calgary, a source told Metro a Code Orange is called roughly once a week, meaning three or fewer ambulances are available for response.

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Cross-Canada comparison

According to a HayGroup report commissioned by the City of Calgary:

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- Residents per councillor: 69,177
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- Number of councillors: 44
- Residents per councillor: 63,883
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- Number of councillors: 23
- Residents per councillor: 38,693
- Salary: $92,219
- Each councillor earns $2.38 per resident, per year

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- Number of councillors: 15
- Residents per councillor: 45,213
- Salary: $66,091
- Each councillor earns $1.46 per resident, per year

City of Vancouver:
- Population: 653,067
- Number of councillors: 10
- Residents per councillor: 65,307
- Salary: $63,609
- Each councillor earns $0.97 per resident, per year

▶ Vancouver

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▶ Calgary's city council is among the highest-paid in Canada, but it represents more citizens, per alderman, than its counterparts in other Canadian cities.

Overworked or overpaid? Council salaries compared

◗ Eight out of 14 municipalities included in the report allow one-third of councillors' salaries to be tax free ◗ Calgary does not

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While Calgary aldermen are earning one of the highest salaries in Canada, their per-citizen compensation ranks among the lowest in the nation.

According to a report by HayGroup, commissioned by the City of Calgary, the city's 14 aldermen represent an average of 81,264 residents each.

With a salary of $102,978, that amounts to about $1.27 per resident, per year.

That's compared to cities such as Saskatoon where councillors earn $2.22 per citizen, or in Montreal where the rate is $1.83 per citizen.

"When you take a look at the averages of what other cities do, their wards aren't as big as ours," said Ald. Ray Jones. "I'm going to be adding another community in the next election — Martindale — which is going to take me over 90,000 people that I represent."

Ald. Andre Chabot said the number of constituents aldermen represent is often indicative of their workload but said he tries not to compare himself to other politicians.

"Honestly, I don't like comparing myself to others so much as to assess the job specifically as to what my responsibilities are," he said.

Ward 6 alderman Richard Pootmans said as the city continues to grow, the work of council increases.

"With growth comes even more work to help manage that growth."

Money for mayors

Mayor Naheed Nenshi earns $191,589, according to the HayGroup report.

- If Nenshi represents 1,137,698 Calgarians, he earns $0.17 per citizen.
- Comparatively, Toronto Mayor Rob Ford brings in about $0.06 per person based on a population of 2,810,858.
- Ald. Chabot plans to present a motion on Monday suggesting council's salary increase be tied to the consumer price index (CPI).

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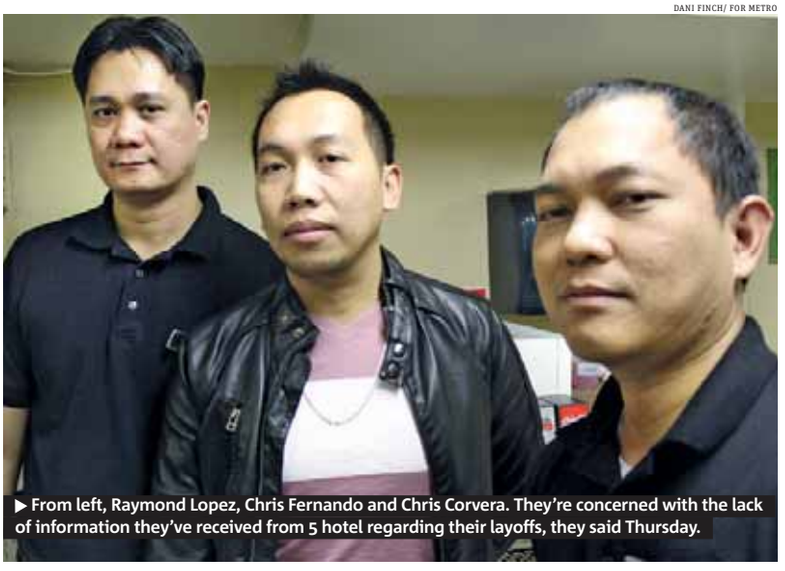

▶ From left, Raymond Lopez, Chris Fernando and Chris Corvera. They're concerned with the lack of information they've received from 5 hotel regarding their layoffs, they said Thursday.

Hotel staff lose jobs, fear residency status

Code says job dismissal can impact foreign workers

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Lack of information over layoffs has some workers at a city hotel worried about their future.

Some immigrants working at the 5 Hotel who are awaiting their permanent residency are concerned the layoffs will affect their residency statuses.

According to Alberta's Employment Standards Code, dismissal of sponsored foreign workers can impact their status.

"I can't say if there's going to be a direct effect, but it's a stoppage of work and there's no severance package. That's my biggest concern," said Chris Corvera, who's awaiting his permanent residency in Calgary.

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The hotel staffs approximately 60 employees, said Michael Rapps of Holloway Lodging REIT.

One worker, who did not want to be named, said there hasn't been a lot of information available for the staff, and he had to find out about the sale of the hotel by Googling it. "We'd noticed a lot of the big corporate guys coming in lots, and then out of the blue (Wednesday) everyone got handed notices that we'd been laid off," he said.

Michael Rapps of Holloway Lodging REIT said the company has tried to provide as much notice as possible for the 60 or so employees working at the hotel. "Our staff has done a tremendous job at the hotel and we thank them for that," he said.

According to Rapps, there may be a silver lining. "We've already been receiving calls from other Calgary hotels telling us they want to hire our people," he said.

KEYSTONE XL PIPELINE

Analysts: How long will oil shippers wait?

Analysts said Thursday they expect TransCanada Corp.'s Keystone XL pipeline to be approved eventually, but they wonder how long its customers will wait before signing on to competing Gulf Coast-bound projects.

While a green light is "likely," the question is "when and how many" shippers take their business elsewhere if a decision on the $7-billion US Alberta-to-Texas line is pushed past early 2013, wrote UBS Investment Research analyst Chad Friess in a note to clients.

On Wednesday, the Obama administration rejected a permit for the controversial project, but left the door open for TransCanada to apply for a new one.

A State Department decision had been expected by the end of last year, but it was delayed past the November election to allow time to work out a new route to avoid ecologically sensitive areas of Nebraska.

Obama said Wednesday that didn't allow enough time to adequately study a new route, so it had no choice but to reject the project.

TransCanada said it intends to file a new permit, and that a late 2014 startup of Keystone XL is possible.

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Changing careers seems to be a big part of our modern times.

Teacher one moment; tour-guide the next. Contractors become real-estate agents. And, if they aren't good at their jobs, sometimes bankers end up being baristas.

As far as I'm concerned, not all career changes make sense. Take the upcoming provincial election, for example, in which several candidates are turning in their microphones as TV personalities and hoping to become elected officials.

Even though an election hasn't even been called, Bruce McAllister and Sandra Jansen have both announced their intention to run in what will surely be a historic provincial vote. McAllister left his anchor post at Global TV and shortly thereafter announced he intended to run as a Wildrose candidate, aspiring to represent Chestermere-Rocky View.

Jansen, a former TV anchor for CTV and Citytv, has said she will be seeking the PC nomination in the riding of Calgary North-West.

Since their respective announcements, I've been doing some research, hoping to find that beyond their TV careers, McAllister and Jansen might also have extensive political experience.

From what I learned on their websites and LinkedIn profiles, I myself find it a struggle to consider anything they've done so far in politics to be beyond minimal. Quite frankly — especially after watching Barb Higgins's cringe-worthy campaign — I've become nervous about people who make such a drastic change in their career path to pursue what often seems like a conveniently timely newfound interest in politics.

I'm not one to say what people should or should not be doing with their careers. After all, I have a degree in Spanish from a university in New Brunswick.

However, I hope that, as the election draws nearer, those who choose to run do so because they know they can handle the responsibility and not because they think being a household name will garner them an easy victory.

I hope they sincerely believe that all of their life experiences up to this moment have prepared them for a job that will see them making big and often life-altering decisions for people they may never meet.

While there are aspects of politics that do seem appealing, I know that, at least at this point in my life, I would not want to be responsible for making decisions on important issues like pipelines, school closures and taxes. When people go from reading the headlines to being the subject of them, I can only hope it's for the right reasons.

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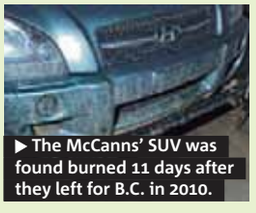
COUPLE MISSING SINCE 2010

Welder sought for clues in McCann case

The son of a couple missing from St. Albert since July 2010 "remains optimistic" that a new push by RCMP for clues in the case will lead to more details on his parents' fate.

Bret McCann said he's known the RCMP have been looking to speak with a welder who modified the senior McCanns' SUV so they could tow it behind their RV, but he doesn't know why.



▶ The McCanns' SUV was found burned 11 days after they left for B.C. in 2010.

On Thursday, the RCMP asked for public help in finding the worker who altered a tow bar to fit Lyle and Marie McCann's 2006 Hyundai Tucson.

The tow bar had been mounted on Lyle's 1988 Dodge RAM pickup but was later altered and installed on the SUV, police said.

"I can tell you this isn't the break in the case. It's just a piece of the puzzle," RCMP Sgt. Tim Taniguchi said.

Bret McCann said he is resigned to the fact that his mother and father are gone, but he wants closure.

"We really need to know what happened to my parents, and police are fully with us on that," he said.

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Mayor sees better way to clean gas spill

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- Homes condemned on Bow Crescent N.W. roughly one year ago
- Nenshi deems delays in clean up mess that affected dozens 'ridiculous'

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Restricting city crews from helping clean out thousands of litres of gasoline trapped in the soil beneath a northwest Calgary street is "ridiculous" and one reason why many families have not been able to return home, says the mayor.

In April 2010, approximately 9,000 litres of gasoline leaked from a Gas Plus station along Bowness Road, impacting a nearby residential street.

Roughly one year ago, provincial officials announced three homes along Bow Crescent Northwest had been condemned due to high levels of hazardous chemicals caused by the leak. Clean up efforts to date have been unsuccessful.

During his state of the city address earlier this week, Mayor Naheed Nenshi offered the incident as one example of the need to improve municipal governance abilities.

"We need to fix it," he said. "The City of Calgary fully understands what needs to be done and we have the expertise to be able to do it, and we're not allowed to."

Instead, responsibility for monitoring the situation falls on Alberta Environment, which ordered Gas Plus to begin remedial actions no later than last month.

Company owner Sal Handel ultimately appealed that direction. Arguments from both sides are now before Environment and Water Minister Diana McQueen.

"We are expecting a decision in the near future," said Alberta Environment spokesperson Carrie Sancartier. "Alberta Environment has made an effort to ensure the site is properly cleaned up."

Meanwhile, those affected continue to wait anxiously for a resolution. Andy Ross purchased a $750,000 lot in the affected area a year and a half ago. He is not able to obtain a development permit until the spill has been addressed.

But, despite his frustration, Ross took issue with Nenshi's claim, noting the city could have taken swift action against Gas Plus.

"The City of Calgary grants business licences to these guys, and they didn't stop working until November — a year and half after the spill," he said.

Health concerns

- Health concerns have and continue to be a concern for residents living on Bow Crescent N.W. The most predominant chemical found during air testing in area homes was hydrocarbon benzene, which can lead to serious health complications if an individual is subjected to long-term exposure.
- Gas Plus owner Sal Handel could not be reached for comment despite multiple attempts made over two days.

▶ Thousands of litres leaked from this Gas Plus station on Bowness Road Northwest in April 2010.

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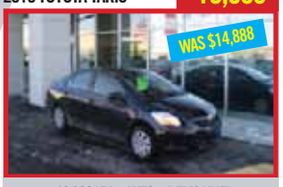

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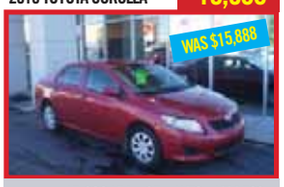

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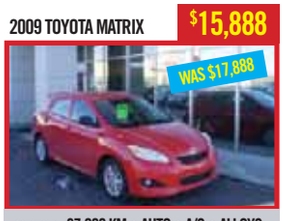

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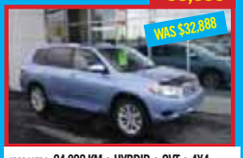

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▶ The two new police horses , Rio and Ranger, were given names by public poll on Thursday.

Public names police horses

- After a month-long poll, Rio and Ranger voted as the service horses' names
- Horses will replace two veterans of the mounted unit, Bart and Cowboy

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Votes are in for the Calgary Police Service's Name the Horse contest, and two new service horses finally have monikers.

According to police, Rio and Ranger beat out four other potential names by more than 44 per cent. More than 17,000 people answered the poll and votes came in from across Canada, the United States, the United Kingdom and Australia, said police.

The public was also given the opportunity to enter for a bonus prize of spending a day with the mounted unit. Winners were selected from more than 100 entries.

Thirteen-year-old twins Mackenzie and Emma Meyer were among the four lucky winners.

"We love horses. We remember our grandpa telling us stories that he used to ride a horse to school, and we thought it would be cool if we could too," said Mackenzie.

Rio and Ranger will pay the girls a visit at their school sometime in the spring.

"Hopefully (our friends) are just as excited as we are," said Emma.

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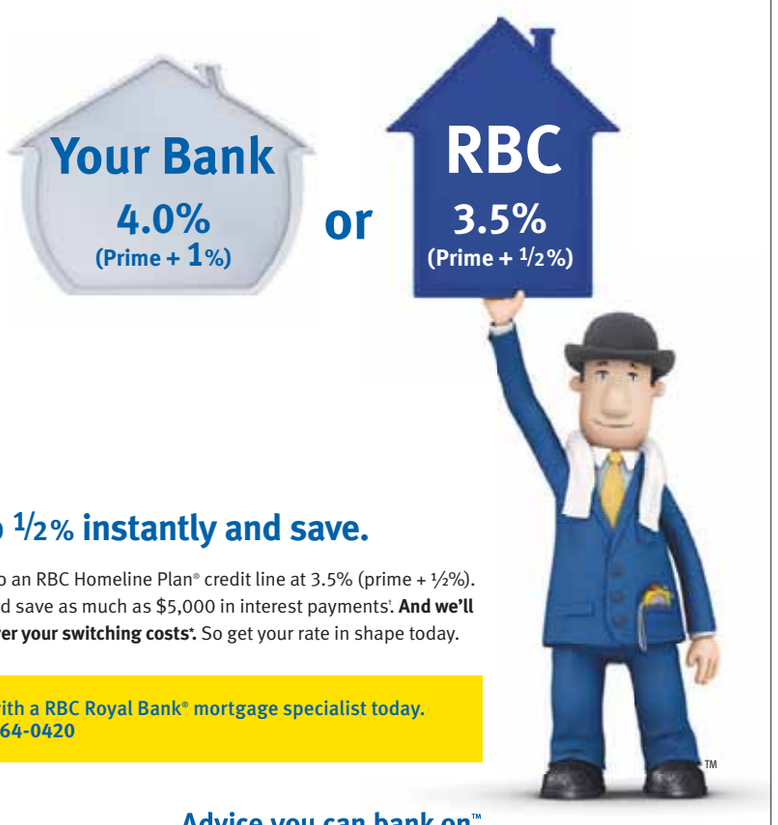

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Grow-op-style risks at present at legal pot spot

The same sort of dangers and health risks lurking in illegal marijuana grow-ops have been discovered at a federally approved medical marijuana operation in Calgary.

Inspectors in Calgary executed a warrant this week to examine an operation licensed by Health Canada. Building regulations investigators, with support from the police, concluded the owners violated several safety provisions.

"To find this number of safety infractions in a federally approved medical grow operation is very disturbing," Wayne Brown, who heads the co-ordinated safety response team, said Thursday.

He said the infractions included building-code violations and compromised air intake. Toxins, pesticides, herbicides, fertilizer and potentially contaminated drinking water were also found.

Brown said there were also combustibles too close to a heat source and a natural-gas line that wasn't properly installed. The only difference between illegal and legal operations is that there was no theft of power in this case.

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News in brief

Cop acquitted in sexual assault case

Concerns over his alleged victim's behaviour has led a Calgary judge to acquit a local police officer accused of sexual assault.

Justice Vaughan Hembroff handed down the verdict Thursday in the case of Const. Jason Oglesby, noting specifically that the supposed victim went drinking with friends after the alleged incident in 2010.

Oglesby had worked as a beat cop for six years when the accusation was made. He has since been reassigned to administrative work. METRO

Fire destroys truck-repair business

Investigators were still working Thursday to determine what sparked a fire that destroyed a southeast truck-repair business. Around 3:40 a.m. a security guard called in reports of fire in the 5900 block of 94th Avenue Southeast. Crews spent much of the day gaining control of the fire. No injuries were reported. METRO

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$1.5M to reduce head injuries

The federal government will spend $1.5 million to help reduce concussions in kid's sports.

The money goes to ThinkFirst Canada, Hockey Canada, the Coaching Association of Canada and the Canadian Centre for Ethics in Sport to support efforts to reduce the rate and severity of sports-related head injuries. The groups will work on increasing awareness among coaches, players and parents.

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Sports link

- **The government says** accidental injuries are the leading cause of death for people under the age of 19.
- **More than 40 per cent** of brain injuries in children and youth aged 10 to 19 treated in hospital emergency departments result from sports and recreation activities.

Players rescue pup

A six-week-old puppy is in need of some serious pampering after being rescued from the bitter cold by three junior hockey players in Saskatchewan.

Teammates from the Prince Albert Raiders saw a woman drop something into the bed of a parked truck earlier this week as temperatures dipped to -40 C. They found a freezing pooch showing serious signs of neglect, so they decided to call police.

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Skier Sarah Burke dies

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▶ Sarah Burke after a win in 2006. She was a four-time Winter X Games Champion.

Freestyle champion was a pioneer in her sport

Canadian freestyle skier Sarah Burke died Thursday, nine days after crashing at the bottom of the superpipe during a training run in Utah.

Burke was 29. She was injured Jan. 10 while training at a personal sponsor event at the Park City Mountain resort.

"Our hearts go out to Sarah's husband Rory and her entire family," said Peter Judge, CEO of Canadian Freestyle Ski Association (CFSA), in a statement. "It's difficult for us to imagine their pain and what they're going through. Sarah was certainly someone who lived life to the fullest and in doing so was a significant example to our community and far beyond.

"She will be greatly missed by all of us at the CFSA and the entire ski community."

"Sarah, in many ways, (defined) the sport.... (She was) involved since the very, very early days..."

PETER JUDGE, CEO, CANADIAN FREESTYLE SKI ASSOCIATION

Tests revealed Burke sustained "irreversible damage to her brain due to lack of oxygen and blood after cardiac arrest," according to a statement released by Burke's publicist.

Burke, a native of Barrie, Ont., who grew up in nearby Midland before moving to Squamish, B.C., was the best-known athlete in her sport and will be remembered for the legacy she left for women in freestyle skiing.

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Contraception: Teens still miss the message

A new U.S. government study suggests a lot of teenage girls are clueless about their chances of getting pregnant.

In a survey of thousands of teenage mothers who had unintended pregnancies, about a third said they didn't use birth control because they didn't believe they could pregnant.

What were they thinking, exactly, isn't clear. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention survey didn't ask teens to explain their reasoning.

But other researchers have talked to teen moms who believed they couldn't get pregnant the first time they had sex, didn't think they could get pregnant at that time of the month or thought they were sterile.

Other studies have asked teens about their contraception use and beliefs about pregnancy. But the CDC report released Thursday is the first to focus on teens who didn't want to get pregnant but did.

The researchers interviewed nearly 5,000 teenage girls in 19 states who gave birth after unplanned pregnancies in 2004 through 2008.

About half of the girls in the survey said they were not using any birth control when they got pregnant. That's higher than surveys of teens in general, which have found that fewer than 20 per cent said they didn't use contraception the last time they had sex.

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`I think what surprised us was the extent that they were not using contraception,'' said Lorrie Gavin, a CDC senior scientist who co-authored the report.

Some of the teen moms were asked what kind of birth control they used: Nearly 20 per cent said they used the pill or a birth control patch. Another 24 per cent said they used condoms.

CDC officials said they do not believe that the pill, condoms and other forms of birth control were faulty. Instead, they think the teens failed to use it correctly or consistently.

Only 13 per cent said they didn't use birth control because they had trouble getting it.

Another finding: Nearly a quarter of the teen moms said they did not use contraception because their partner did not want them to. That suggests that sex education must include not only information about anatomy and birth control, but also about how to deal with situations in which a girl feels pressured to do something she doesn't want to, Gavin said.

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Megaupload shut

Comes one day after Wikipedia, others stage protest over legislation

One of the world's largest file-sharing sites was shut down Thursday, and its founder and several company executives were charged with violating piracy laws, federal prosecutors said.

An indictment accuses Megaupload.com of costing copyright holders more than $500 million in lost revenue from pirated films and other content.

The indictment was unsealed one day after websites including Wikipedia and Craigslist shut down in protest of two congressional proposals intended to thwart online piracy.

The Justice Department said in a statement that Kim Dotcom and three others were arrested Thursday in New Zealand at the request of U.S. officials. Two other defendants are at large.

Star support

Megaupload was unique not only because of its massive size and the volume of downloaded content, but also because it had high-profile support from celebrities, musicians and other content producers who are most often the victims of copyright infringement and piracy.

The website allowed users to download films, TV shows, games, music and other content for free, but made money by charging subscriptions to people who wanted access to faster download speeds or extra content. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

New potential witness

A young Moldovan crew member who translated evacuation instructions from the bridge after the Costa Concordia ran into a reef emerged as a potential new witness Thursday in the investigation into the captain's actions that fateful night.

Italian media have said prosecutors want to interview 25-year-old Dominica Cermotan, who had worked for Costa as a hostess but was not on duty when she boarded the ship Jan. 13 in the Roman port of Civitavecchia.

The $450-million Costa Concordia was carrying more than 4,200 passengers and crew when it slammed into well-marked rocks off the Tuscan island of Giglio after the captain

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▶ This undated image obtained by The Associated Press shows the homepage of the website Megaupload.com.

Free web access in Uruguay

Uruguay's state-owned communications company is giving users a day of free Internet access in support of freedom online.

Antel says it is inspired by the Internet blackout led by U.S. search and social media companies against anti-piracy bills in the U.S. Congress. It's offering free net access on Monday.

The company says it wants to strengthen the principle of free access. Although the debate is taking place far from Uruguay, the company says its clients are affected. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

# of captain's actions

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▶ Firefighters use a helicopter to approach the cruise ship Costa Concordia leaning on its side.

made an unauthorized diversion Jan. 13 from his programmed route.

The ship then keeled over on its side and is still half-submerged nearly a week later.

In interviews with Moldovan media, Cermotan defended Capt. Francesco Schettino, who has been vilified in the Italian media for leaving his ship before everyone was evacuated safely.

"He did a great thing, he saved over 3,000 lives," she told Moldova's Jurnal TV.

Schettino, who was jailed after he left the ship, is under house arrest, facing possible charges of manslaughter, causing a shipwreck and abandoning his ship.

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EX-WIFE CLAIMS GINGRICH BROKE VOWS, WANTED 'OPEN MARRIAGE' WITH MISTRESS

Dredging up a past that Newt Gingrich has worked hard to bury, the Republican presidential candidate's second ex-wife says Gingrich asked for an "open marriage" in which he could have both a wife and a mistress.

In an interview with ABC News' Nightline that aired Thursday night, Marianne Gingrich said she refused to go along with the idea that she share her husband with Callista Bisek, who would later become his third wife.

The interview was airing just two days before the presidential primary in South Carolina, a state with a Christian conservative bent, and as Gingrich tries to present himself as the alternative to Mitt Romney. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Romney faces primary pressure ahead of vote

Mitt Romney's campaign jolted after Rick Perry drops out of Republican nominee race, backs opponent

Mitt Romney's march to the Republican presidential nomination was shaken Thursday, two days ahead of the crucial South Carolina primary, as Rick Perry dropped out and endorsed a gaining Newt Gingrich.

Romney has led the contest to select a challenger to President Barack Obama in November, benefiting from a fractured Republican field and the failure of conservatives to rally behind a candidate. The remaining candidates debated Thursday night.

Gingrich, a former speaker of the House of Representatives, is emerging as the main rival to Romney. Polls show him in second place in South Carolina, gaining ground but still trailing the former Massachusetts governor by about 10 percentage points.

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▶ Romney

Saturday's South Carolina primary has been seen as the pivotal contest in the race, following what had initially been declared a very narrow victory for Romney in Iowa, the first nominating contest, and a solid Romney win in last week's New Hampshire primary.

That means that even if Romney holds onto his lead and wins in South Carolina, he won't be able to claim victory in the first three contests — an achievement that would have made him appear to be the all-but-inevitable nominee.

The wealthy Romney, a venture capitalist, has campaigned on the assertion that his business background makes him the logical candidate to defeat Obama. But he faces growing scrutiny over his vast fortune and acknowledged reports that he has millions invested in the Cayman Islands.

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Facebook unveils new online apps

Social media site releases 60 new applications for its users Latest include Ticketmaster and Pinterest

Facebook is adding a bevy of new applications to let users share everything from photos of what they cooked for dinner, to details on what they are wearing, to what concert they scored tickets to.

The world's largest online social network unveiled more than 60 new apps Wednesday that let users share the tiniest details of their lives on their Facebook profiles, now known as their Timeline.

Facebook users can already share the music they are listening to through apps such as Spotify, or the articles they are reading through Yahoo News and other services. Wednesday's announcement expands the number of available apps to cover a wide range of topics including food, fashion, travel and reading.

The latest apps include Ticketmaster, reviews site Rotten Tomatoes and Pinterest. The latter, which has gained in popularity in recent months, bills itself as a "virtual pinboard" that lets people collect things they find around the web.

Facebook expects online developers to create thousands of more applications in the coming weeks and months.

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App fever

- **Facebook is** calling its new series of online applications "frictionless sharing."
- **It means once you sign up** for the apps, they will automatically share your activity through Facebook.
- **Users will be able to** limit who can see this activity when they sign up for the apps, just as they can limit what friends or groups of friends can see their other Facebook updates.

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News in brief

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▶ Jude Law

Murdoch group to pay damages

Rupert Murdoch's media empire apologized and agreed to cash payouts Thursday to 37 people who were harassed and phone-hacked by his tabloid press.

Actor Jude Law was among the three dozen victims who received financial damages from Murdoch's British newspaper company for illegal eavesdropping and other intrusions, including email snooping.

Lawyers for the claimants said the settlements vindicated their accusation that senior Murdoch executives had long known about phone hacking and tried to cover it up.

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Google boosts South African businesses

Getting more small companies wired will help their businesses grow, and help their country fight unemployment, officials said Thursday as Google launched a project that makes it easy to showcase South African entrepreneurship on the Internet.

Woza Online offers free domain names with South Africa's co.za tag for the first 10,000 applicants.

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Kodak files for Chapter 11 protection

Storied photo company restructures business to cut costs and accelerate drawn-out digital transformation

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▶ Eastman Kodak headquarters is shown in Rochester, N.Y., on Thursday.

The glory days when Eastman Kodak Co. ruled the world of film photography lasted for more than a century. Then came a stunning reversal of fortune: cutthroat competition from Japanese firms in the 1980s and a seismic shift to the digital technology it pioneered but couldn't capitalize on.

Kodak filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection on Thursday, raising the spectre that the 132-year-old trailblazer could become the most storied casualty of a digital age.

Already a shadow of its former self, cash-poor Kodak will now reorganize in bankruptcy court as it seeks to boost its cash position and stay in business. The Rochester, N.Y.-based company is pinning its hopes on peddling a trove of photo patents and morphing into a new-look powerhouse built around printers and ink.

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Analog to digital

- Through the 1990s, Kodak splurged $4 billion on developing the photo technology inside most cellphones and digital devices.
- The immensely lucrative analog business Kodak worried about undermining was virtually erased in a decade by the filmless photography it invented.

Apple launches textbooks for iPad

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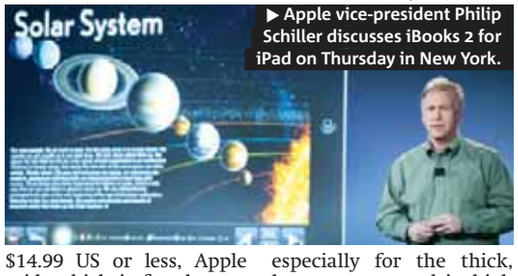

▶ Apple vice-president Philip Schiller discusses iBooks 2 for iPad on Thursday in New York.

Apple has unveiled its plan to infiltrate and shake up the textbook market by selling inexpensive, interactive digital books to be read on iPads.

But can schools, students and parents afford to buy into it?

At a news conference in New York on Thursday, Apple announced it's partnered with three major textbook companies to launch a new section in its iBooks store dedicated to educational material. Most textbooks will be priced at $14.99 US or less, Apple said, which is far cheaper than what schools and students are used to paying — especially for the thick, heavy tomes used in high schools, colleges and universities. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Nortel accountants flagged no fraud: Defence

Defence lawyers in the fraud trial of three former Nortel Networks executives say the company's independent auditors gave their stamp of approval to financial matters at Nortel, demonstrating that the accused were not engaged in a scheme to juggle the books.

David Porter, counsel for Nortel's ex-CEO Frank Dunn, said Thursday in opening arguments that the extent of external review contradicts Crown allegations the men were conspiring to defraud the company by cooking its books and manipulating profit reports. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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1 Tim Hortons goes extra large: Timmies got national attention this week when it announced a brand new extra-large cup size (24 ounces) to be introduced Monday, Jan. 23. But perhaps this tweet from radio DJ Dani Stover (@danigray) said it best: "I don't care about the size of Tim Horton's cups, all I want to know is when I can roll up the rim."

2 Seth Rogen: The Golden Globes were a snore until Canada's Seth Rogen took the stage to present an award alongside Kate Beckinsale and said, "Hello I'm Seth Rogen, and I'm currently trying to conceal a massive erection." Then everyone was aroused, er, woken up. Yes, a good penis joke never fails. Even George Clooney made one later in the broadcast.

3 Alcatraz Vancouver: Fox's fantastic, spooky, supernatural, J.J. Abrams-created prison drama Alcatraz, which premiered this week, is being produced in Vancouver, on the same North Shore Studios lot where several seasons of The X-Files were made. That makes this must-watch show all the more spooky.

4 Internet of darkness: More than 7,000 websites — including Wired, BoingBoing and Wikipedia — "went dark" Wednesday to protest anti-piracy legislation, currently making its way through the U.S. Congress, that could affect the Internet and freedom of speech. With less Internet, water-cooler talk must have gone up 25 per cent that day.

5 Tom Cruise & race cars: During a discussion on closeted gay celebrities on Piers Morgan Tonight this week, Rosie O'Donnell said, "People say to me all the time, 'Tom Cruise is gay.' I've been around Tom Cruise a lot. Tom Cruise drives race cars, Tom Cruise is ... I do not think Tom Cruise is gay. I have never thought Tom Cruise is gay." Well, OK, then.

6 Groom's Bieber dance: If you're a groom and at your wedding you and your groomsmen star in an epic choreographed performance set to Justin Bieber's Baby, it will get the attention not only of your bride but also of the world. "Brian's Surprise Justin Bieber Wedding Dance for Emily" on YouTube already has nearly four million views.

7 Giant killers: The 15-1 Green Bay Packers were being called one of the best teams ever and were expected to repeat as Super Bowl champions, but in a stunning playoff collapse on their home field they lost 37-20 to the New York Giants. The Packers finished the season 15-2 — one of the biggest choke jobs in sports history.

8 Andrea Bargnani: The seven-foot 26-year-old is finally showing why the Toronto Raptors drafted him first overall in 2006. Averaging 22 points a game (No. 9 in the NBA) and a career-best 6.5 rebounds a game, Bargnani is playing like an all-star on a mediocre Raptor team. He may yet be the second coming of Dirk Nowitzki.

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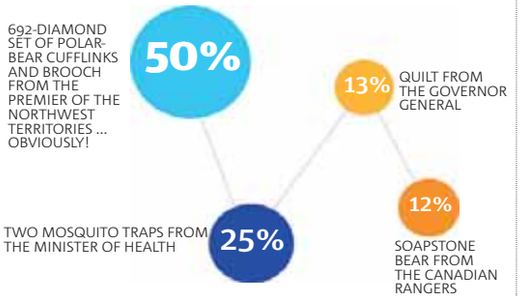
What item on the list of gifts given to the royal couple on their cross-Canada trip would you most like for yourself?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- **@adashofnutmeg:** Bye bye #yyc I don't think you'll be missed #solongminusthirtydegrees #stokedforsunshine
- **@trevorengstrom:** The first month or two of the distracted driving law in #yyc was great. Nowadays, just as many cell texters/talkers as before. Big problem.
- **@neko_cat:** There are times people in #yyc are so rude!Someone(again) put a garbage can in my yard because they didn't want to dispose of it themselves!
- **@lindsaymjoy:** On my way to the bus stop, there was a woman with bare legs. I now feel like a wimp. #yyc
- **@alexandraway:** another beautiful day of -27 in lovely calgary.... #sarcasm #yyc
- **@Lizzzola:** Never been to @tubbydoghotdogs #yyc but after looking at their menu I might have to give them a try...Note to Self: Dont eat for a week

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Bath time, Russian-style

Taking religion to an extreme

MOSCOW, RUSSIA. Braving the legendary Russian winter, thousands of Orthodox Christians across the country have celebrated the feast of the Epiphany the traditional way ... by bathing in cold ice pools outside to "cleanse themselves of sins." For the faithful, this ritual pays homage to the baptism of Jesus Christ. MWN

Baptism of ice

- **The Crucifix-shaped hole** in ice is named "Iordan" after the Jordan River, where Jesus Christ was baptized.
- **Three times a blessing:** After descending wooden steps, believers submerge their bodies completely in water three times (in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit).

A dip in the ice gives life to you

BENEFITS. And what are the benefits of a winter swim, if any? Experts say it can stimulate mental processes and produce hormones to make the body cope with physical ailments. It can also release stress, remove aches and pains, increase vitality and keep skin looking younger. It can also treat asthma or arthritis. MWN

"When a person is in cold water all his or her blood is redistributed around the body, and this is actually good for the health."
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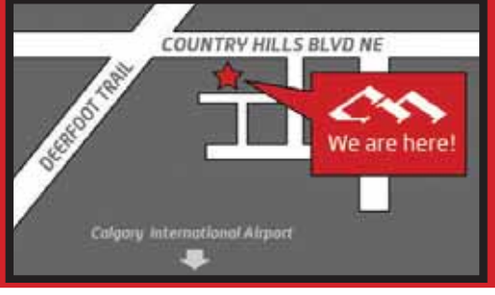

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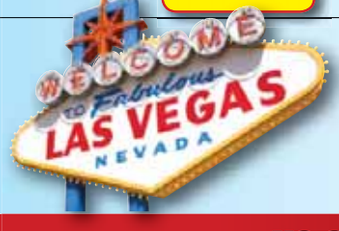

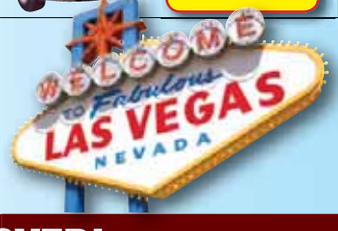

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Synopsis

- Based on true events (though highly fictionalized), the movie focuses on four African American pilots from the Second World War — the top guns of the 332nd Fighter Group — the Tuskegee Airmen. In fighting the racial discrimination of the U.S. military, they prove their mettle by taking on dangerous assignments in active combat.
- **Ratings:**
Richard: ⊕⊕½
Mark: ⊕½

HANDOUT

▶ The anti-racist message of Red Tails is lost in the cardboard characters and wooden acting.

Tails is too 'talky'

The flight scenes are fun, but Red Tails is slowed down by leaden dialogue

Reel Guys

RICHARD CROUSE & MARK BRESLIN

Richard: Mark, you can't accuse Red Tails of being subtle. It is unabashedly patriotic, unapologetically melodramatic and an unashamed throwback to the propaganda movies of the 1940s. The mix and match of those elements works for the first hour, but the time one of the pilots whoops, "Let's give those newspapers something to write about!" the once charming tone of the movie started to wear thin for me. You?

Mark: Charmed? Naw, I was too busy being stupefied at the racial condescension of the movie. The movie has the best of intentions, but its anti-racist message is lost amidst the cardboard characters, leaden dialogue, wooden acting and overemphatic score. The story is so dumbed down it's a bit of an insult to those Tuskegee airmen it wants to honour. Neat flight jackets, though.

Richard: I didn't find the script condescending, just ordinary. An extraordinary, and mostly hidden history like the story of the Tuskegee Red Tails deserves something a little more than a by-the-book retelling. I agree with you about the flight jackets; they are sharp, but I also found the in-flight scenes to be exciting. Too much dialogue for my taste, but the aerial photography was fun.

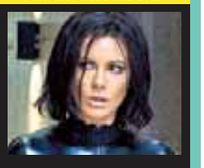
MB: The aerial photography may be the only reason to watch this picture. Yet, in many of the long shots, it looked like a video game to me. And was there ever a more nauseating, saccharine romantic subplot as the one in this movie? I was so grateful that most of the dialogue was in Italian! Some of the acting was passable: Terrence Howard had a couple of good speeches, but most of the time he acted with his pipe.

RC: Ha! I think I enjoyed this more than you. But just by a hair. It's too long, too talky and too corny, but I liked some of the characters and enjoyed watching the flight sequences. I do, however, wish there was less dialogue during the dogfights. I think fighter pilots in attack mode have better things to concentrate on than making wisecracks.

MB: Yes, the confidence of the pilots under fire bordered on the comical. But one thing I found interesting: The racism of the pilots' fellow white Americans was worse than of the Nazis, who only dismissed them with snotty attitude rather than overtly trying to beat them up and using the dreaded N-word. I don't know if it was intentional, but the point packed a wallop for me.

2 scene

Scene in brief



Opening this week is Underworld: Awakening, the newest entry in the film series starring Kate Beckinsale as the vampire Selene. In this film, Selene must fight humankind when it starts a war against vampires and the Lycan clan — the werewolf enemies of the vampires.

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The real wolfman

Liam's tough side is back with another 'Neesploitation' flick, The Grey, which has him fighting dogs in the wild Film opens next week

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▶ Liam Neeson says the script for The Grey "read like a 19th century epic poem for me."

Evidenced by his recent spate of ass-kicking roles, Liam Neeson seems like the scariest actor in Hollywood.

Tall, broad and blunt, he cuts an intimidating profile, and watching him face down a pack of ravenous wolves in his new film — the mythic, man-versus-nature thriller The Grey — he seems like an equally ferocious creature, especially after he duct-tapes broken airplane liquor bottles to his knuckles.

To hear Neeson tell it, however, he wouldn't last five minutes in the sub-zero conditions his character endures.

"I'd curl up and die," the Irish actor says. "On our first day, cameras were malfunctioning and equipment wasn't working, and I thought, 'This is ludicrous.'"

In the last three years, Neeson has remodelled his imposing dramatic pedigree to suit action fans, spawning the unofficial "Neesploitation" sub-genre — with films like Taken, Unknown and now The Grey — where he squares off physically against a rogue's gallery of international baddies and proves unequivocally he's not to be trifled with.

While his command of the screen is undeniable, he insists he's not the alpha-male type he's become synonymous with in his films.

"I can play them, but in life, I'm not one," he says. "It's great fun, because I know that I'm the opposite."

The Grey reunites Neeson with his The A-Team director, Joe Carnahan, whose survivalist thriller about a small group of plane crash survivors lost in the frozen north appealed to Neeson on both visceral and existential levels.

"The script read like a 19th century epic poem for me, something like The Ancient Mariner or something," Neeson says.

"And also the little boy in myself. I just thought it would be great to be out with a bunch of guys on a cliff face or a rock face and doing manly things."

Although Neeson's recent foray into action has led him from the more cerebral films that helped make his name — like Schindler's List and Kinsey — he says he's doing movies like The Grey because he's asked to, not because he feels compelled to test himself physically or even professionally.

HANDOUT

▶ Sam Worthington and Elizabeth Banks in a scene from Man on a Ledge.

Immersed in the pigeon's playground

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When making a movie while precariously perched on the side of a Manhattan building, even the most powerful Hollywood producer or über-skilled stunt teams can't keep you safe from your true nemesis: Pigeons.

"You're in their world," Man on a Ledge star Sam Worthington says. "And the more you squawk at them, the more they laugh at you."

Co-star Elizabeth Banks agrees.

"I was always worried they were going to fly into my head," she says. "I didn't really care about the whole pooping-on-me thing, that can happen. But they'd just kind of dart around every once in awhile and I was like, 'No, no, no! Don't come near me!'"

The film, about a cop-turned-convict-turned-fugitive (Worthington) who has to be talked off the ledge of a high-rise building by a New York Police Department hostage negotiator (Banks), was shot "practically," which means that when it looks like the actors are standing on the side of a building, they're actually on the side of a building — not on a set or in front of a green screen somewhere.

The filmmakers constructed a massive shooting apparatus that allowed them to make their movie in the pigeon's playground.

"Everyone was really committed to giving the audience the experience of being up that high with us and giving you vertigo," Banks says.

"You get to experience what it felt like up there," Worthington adds.

That feeling being?

"Fear," Worthington grins. "Not of falling, but of landing, because you'd go splat. You do hang on for grim life. I always had a palm on the wall somewhere."

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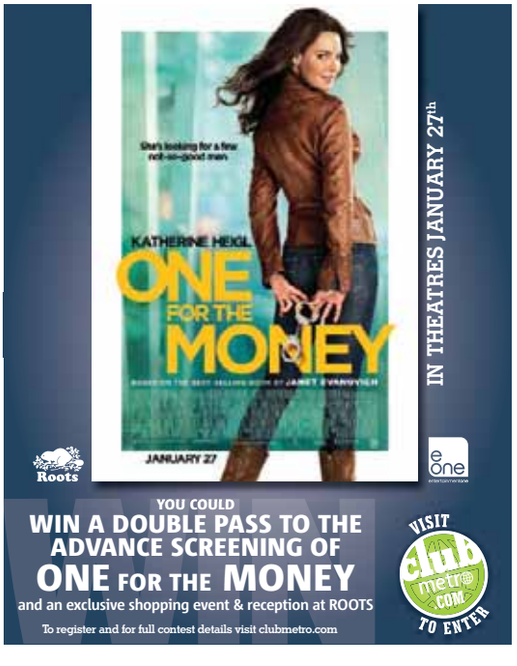
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Haywire
Genre: Action
Director: Steven Soderbergh
Stars: Gina Carano, Ewan McGregor
⊕⊕⊕⊕

Filmmaker Steven Soderbergh reunites with The Limey writer Lem Dobbs to create Haywire — what will surely go down as one of 2012's best action films (and yes, I know it's only January). The Ocean's Eleven director brilliantly cast MMA fighter Gina Carano as a mysterious covert operative that seeks vengeance and truth after she is double-crossed on a job. While the story is simple enough, it's clear Carano is performing her own incredible fight scenes, which keeps the kettle boiling in this stylish, entertaining thriller. **STEVE GOW**

Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close
Genre: Drama
Director: Stephen Daldry
Stars: Thomas Horn, Tom Hanks, Sandra Bullock
⊕⊕⊕ ½

Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close explores the horror of 9-11 through the eyes of a gifted 10-year-old named Oskar (Thomas Horn) whose father (Tom Hanks) was killed in the attack. This is a 9-11 movie that isn't about ideology but the human cost of ideology. Oskar's search isn't for answers as to why 9-11 happened, but rather to keep a connection to his father alive. Good performances all round, Sandra Bullock and Max Von Sydow are standouts, but Horn does much of the work, his doe eyes conveying the pain, hurt and confusion that comes along with great loss. It's a bit over long, with a drawn out ending, but a few moments guaranteed to trigger the water works.
RICHARD CROUSE

Tinker Tailor Soldier Spy
Genre: Thriller
Director: Tomas Alfredson
Stars: Gary Oldman, Colin Firth, Tom Hardy
⊕⊕⊕

Given its dense and fascinating source material, it's not surprising that this British thriller puts the audience to work. Based on a classic 1974 book of the same name by John LeCarre, Tinker observes the highest levels of British Intelligence at MI6. When it becomes clear that someone in the trusted inner circle has been a mole for the Russians, one forcibly retired agent (Gary Oldman) is asked to investigate the men he'd worked closest with. This film does not fit the definition of what some would deem to be a "spy film" — there are little to no car chases or explosions. The story comes out through the dialogue, not some easy voice-over that spoon-feeds salient points. But like anything in life that doesn't come easy, the end rewards are many. If you're in the mood for a richly told portrayal with international intrigue, you're in for a treat.
HEIDI PATALANO

Shame
Genre: Drama
Director: Steve McQueen
Stars: Michael Fassbender, Carey Mulligan, James Badge
⊕½

British gallery artist turned filmmaker Steve McQueen squanders the promise of his fine debut Hunger on this turgid portrait of a sad-sack sex addict, acted with intensity by Michael Fassbender. The well-heeled cruelty and big-city anomie feel borrowed from Bret Easton Ellis, but the film is worse than derivative: it's grueling, high-toned and emotionally contrived.
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The Dirty Picture (14A) Fri-Thu 2-8:45
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Talking points

Idol judges work the stage

LET'S HOPE THEY'RE NOT 'PITCHY'. American Idol fans may want to check out The Tonight Show With Jay Leno for a rare chance to judge the judges. Host Ryan Seacrest and judges Steven Tyler and Randy Jackson are among the guests on Friday. But that's not all. Tyler and Jackson are expected to perform, along with Aerosmith guitarist Joe Perry. (NBC, CTV2)

Canadian comfort food

AND IT'S NOT POUTINE. You Gotta Eat Here proves that Canadian comfort food can be just as indulgent as the lardaceous spectacles seen in those over-the-top Food Network shows set south of the border. Take for example Friday's overblown brunch suggestion: eggs benny served on fresh doughnuts, courtesy of Uncle Betty's Diner in Toronto. The creamy New York-style cheesecake over at Victoria's Italian resto Pagliacci's is also featured and seems down right healthy by comparison. (Food Network Canada)

What if you were switched at birth?

AS IF BEING A TEEN GIRL WASN'T HARD ENOUGH. Get a glimpse at ABC Spark's series Switched at Birth on W Network Saturday. The new channel isn't in Canada until March 26 but it's offering up an early look at its flagship teen drama. The tale centres on two girls who learn they were accidentally switched as newborns in the hospital. One grew up in a wealthy family while the other grew up with a single mom in a working-class neighbourhood. (W Network)

Preggo, clueless and hilarious

AWAY WE GO. Airing Saturday, the 2009 romantic comedy Away We Go follows an expectant couple played by Maya Rudolph (SNL) and John Krasinski (The Office) as they set off on a journey to find the best city in which to settle and raise their family. (Bravo) **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

The importance of Portlandia

Funnyman Fred Armisen talks about his on-screen chemistry with Carrie Brownstein ◐ Almost half the show is improv, says the SNL star

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▶ Fred Armisen

In one sketch during the new season of Portlandia, the characters played by Fred Armisen and Carrie Brownstein decide to watch a single episode of Battlestar Galactica before they head out to a friend's birthday party.

Unable to pull themselves away from the TV after 45 minutes, they miss the party, end up devouring the first season, and over a few consecutive days, the whole series. Jobs are lost, bills go unpaid and they stop getting up to use the bathroom.

At one point Brownstein tiredly says, "I a little bit feel like I have a bladder infection, but I'm just going to get antibiotics after the next episode."

This scene is typical of the comedic duo's adoration of the absurd, and is one that could easily apply to viewers of their show.

The first season recently began streaming on Netflix, and the second season premieres Friday.

Armisen says he has found himself in similarly intense viewing marathons with shows like Game of Thrones and American Horror Story. "And The Wire," he says, "I burned right through that."

What makes the comedy hit so hard is Armisen and Brownstein's ability to create relatable situations that go awry. He says the pair are able to get so ridiculous because almost half of the show is improvised.

"We film so much stuff," he says. "We could do a whole season of what we didn't use."

Armisen says that a large chunk of that unused footage is he and Brownstein ruining the scenes by laughing uncontrollably at what the other one has come up with on the spot. He is quick to give away the credit for the finished product.

"We're not part of the editing process," he explains, "because those guys are geniuses."

A different beat

One of the things that sets Portlandia apart from Armisen's other comedy outlet, Saturday Night Live, is the way the show handles musical guests. On Portlandia, musical guests don't sing, they act.

- "Sometimes when musicians do things like this, they come at it with just a slightly different way of playing things than a comedian, and that's just interesting," says Armisen.
- **Season 2 cameos** include Eddie Vedder, Joanna Newsom and guitarists from the Sex Pistols and The Smiths.

Armisen says relinquishing that authority is liberating because every time he watches the edits, he finds himself saying, "Oh my gosh, I never thought that we wouldn't need that."

"That's a really weird part of the process, where you think you're in control, but you know it's good that you're not in control."

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House of Lies

Oscar-winner Don Cheadle gets what he wants — by any means necessary — as cutthroat management consultant Marty Kaan, who charges America's one per cent for his high-priced advice (and the occasional night of strip club debauchery). It's fascinating to watch the serious, intense Cheadle morph into such a charismatic con man. **Airs Mondays on The Movie Network and Movie Central**

HANDOUT

Alcatraz

Alcatraz, the island prison off of San Francisco, already holds plenty of intrigue — and even more so in this drama when former inmates who were presumed dead become linked to modern crimes. Add the storytelling prowess of J.J. Abrams and familiar Lostie Jorge Garcia, and we're already formulating conspiracy theories. **Airs Mondays on Citytv**

HBO CANADA

Luck

Deadwood creator David Milch is back on HBO. This time, he's got Dustin Hoffman and director Michael Mann with him for a series on one of his passions: horse racing. Milch creates beautiful TV (you just need a little patience when watching his densely layered epics). Add the allure of thoroughbreds, gambling and Hoffman, and Luck is a sure bet. **Premieres Jan. 29 on HBO Canada**

HANDOUT

Smash

American Idol runner-up Katharine McPhee stars as a wannabe Broadway star who auditions for a musical about the life of Marilyn Monroe. Debra Messing and Anjelica Huston also star. Basically, every network's been trying to figure out how to mimic the success of Glee with their own musical series; NBC nails it with this behind-the-Broadway-scenes drama from Steven Spielberg. It's going to be, well, a Smash. **Premieres Feb. 6 on CTV**

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The River

Paranormal Activity creator Oren Peli brings his mastery of "found footage" scares to the small screen. The host of a nature series goes missing in the Amazon, so — cameras in tow — his wife and son go searching for him. If you're not already creeped out by what's lurking in those waters, the supernatural elements to this will provide plenty to shriek about. **Premieres Feb. 7 on CTV**

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4 must-listens for 2012

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If you are looking for some new music finds for 2012, here are four must-listens for the new year.

1 **Lana Del Rey**
Del Rey released a video this summer that was so hot that every blogger in the world watched it back-to-back enough that they were all fighting to be the first to declare her passé by the next day.

But for those of us who are just interested in good music, and care more about hearing it than hearing it first, Del Rey's sultry take on gangsta will be a breath of fresh air when her debut drops at the end of this month.

▶ Lana Del Rey

2 **King Krule**
If you didn't know that Archy Marshall was a fresh-faced 17-year-old, and you heard his patient beats, sophisticated guitar chords, moody words and his low London voice, you might think he was in his 30s and possibly was the type of character who accompanied Pete Doherty through every stint in rehab.

But luckily for us, Marshall has many years ahead of him.

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▶ Michael Kiwanuka

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▶ Azealia Banks

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▶ King Krule

3 **Azealia Banks**
Imagine if Rihanna really was into sex as much as she sings about. And if Nicki Minaj was into Interpol! Then you might have an idea of the hot, hilarious awesomeness that is the 20-year-old Harlem native Azealia Banks.

4 **Michael Kiwanuka**
His song, Tell Me a Tale, sounds at first like a forgotten song from the '70s, but once he gets to the chorus you'll know that not only is this a song of the new decade, but one that will not be forgotten. The fact that he has released three EPs in the past 12 months should also be a testament to that.

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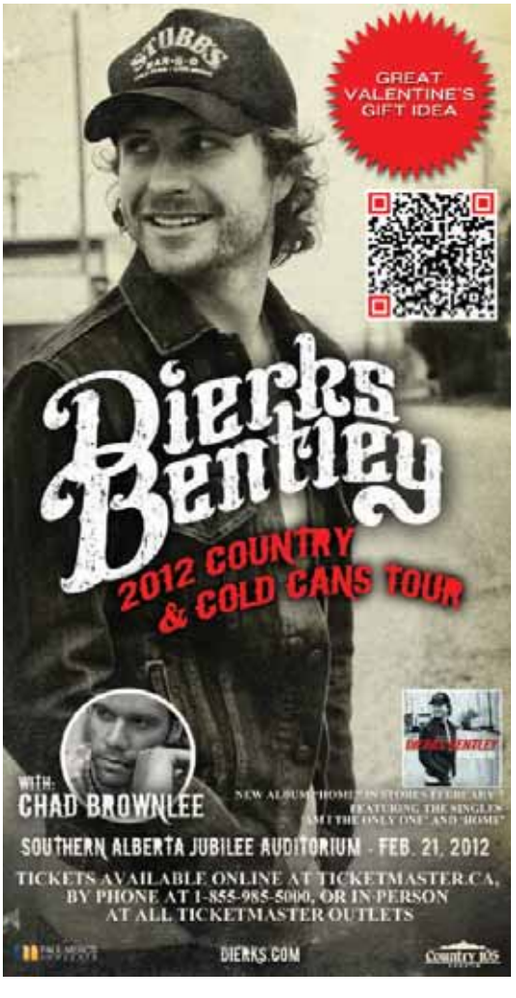
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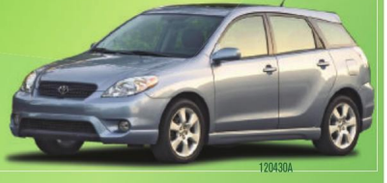
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▶ Dolores O'Riordan, lead singer of The Cranberries.

The winter release season is finally upon us.

Here's what we can expect in stores and online in the first quarter of 2012:

Tuesday: I have high hopes for Future This from The Big Pink, a British band with much potential.

Jan. 24: Craig Finn of the Hold Steady's solo album, Clear Heart Full Eyes, comes out. Also we'll get Cloud Nothings' Attack on Memory, which was produced by Steve Albini.

Jan. 31: Lana Del Ray was the musical guest on SNL without even having an album out. Will Born to Die live up to the hype? And I've heard Old Ideas, the first Leonard Cohen studio album since 2004. Fans will be pleased.

Feb. 7: Van Halen (DLR v2.0) returns with A Different Kind of Truth. We'll also get more metal from Silverstein in the form of Short Songs. Plus Le Voyage Dans La Lune from Air. And Hotel Sessions from Evan Dando and the Lemonheads.

Feb. 14: Sleigh Bells. Can't wait for Reign of Terror.

Feb. 21: I like what I've heard so far from Band of Skulls' Sweet Sour.

Feb. 28: The Cranberries are back. Those who have heard Roses – their first album since Wake Up and Smell the Coffee in 2001 – say it's very good.

Mar. 6: Kaiser Chiefs and Start the Revolution Without Me. It'll certainly be a hit in the U.K., but will it be enough for a North American breakthrough?

Mar. 19: Spiritualized return with Sweet Heart Sweet Light.

Mar. 20: Sharks. Watch this Birmigham-based band. No Gods could be a sleeper.

Mar. 27: The Modfather Paul Weller cranks out another CD. This one is called Sonik Kicks.

Apr. 10: Slash's new solo album. Still awaiting a title.

Apr. 24: My Darkest Days. No title yet.
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Uncharted path

Kathleen Edwards prepares for boost to music career

It's difficult to listen to Kathleen Edwards' transformative fourth album and miss the distinctive influence of Bon Iver's Justin Vernon.

Vernon co-produced the record from his home studio in Wisconsin, contributing backing vocals, guitar, synth, bass, vibraphone, drums, banjo and organ. But more than that, Vernon — who is also romantically linked with Edwards — helped the five-time Juno nominee chart a new musical path, marrying her sturdy song craft to lushly expansive sonic landscapes that carry more than a hint of his own outfit's rustic folk.

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▶ Kathleen Edwards

New sound aside, Vernon's name alone should help Edwards' buzz reverberate into new corners. And while Edwards might rather make noise by virtue of her own pristine voice, she welcomes new listeners any way she can get them.

"I would be lying to myself if I didn't realize that obviously Justin's involvement in this record is going to have people listen to the record who would otherwise be like: 'Oh, I think she's an alt-country singer/songwriter person,"' she said. "So I do really appreciate that."

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So this is what J.Lo sees in Mr. Smart

The 24-year-old boy-toy of singer is quite the motivational tweeter

THE WORD

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Just why did mega-star Jennifer Lopez fall for Casper Smart?

If you're thinking it's because he's a hot piece of young man meat with terrific abs who is completely subservient to her every want and desire, you'd be wrong!

It's his seriously deep tweets, yo. How moving are they? Let's just say: Can someone get the president from the Precious Moments Page-a-Day Calendar company on the phone?

Smart needs to stop dancing and start writing to inspire all of us.

Some of my favourites:

"Age, status, n opinions of others are irrelevant."

"Our hearts are endless and our souls infinite. Ages are mere reminders of the hours logged on this earth and the precious time remaining."

"We should all honor our time here by indulging our passion and dreams. So, close your ears and open your hearts; Love and be happy!"

Smart is so good. How does he know that my "passion and dreams" consist of mocking in a free daily newspaper the throwaway tweets of a 24-year-old back-up dancer I've never met?

Forget the calendar — who wants to make me a motivational poster?

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▶ Jennifer Lopez and Casper Smart

Celebrity tweets

@RyanSeacrest

Trimmed my leg hair after someone at gym suggested it, now getting mixed reactions. Leg hair - lose it or leave it?

@MissKelly0

i cant believe that just now im getting to bed i have not slept in over 30 hours! i cant complain because i love my job! night night!

@SandraBernhard

peter dinklege is a major actor i run into him at the post office in the village.

@ConanOBrien

If antihistamines are used to make meth, then it stands to reason that meth will help my chest cold.

Pippa ain't having it with the paps

Pippa Middleton is reportedly sick and tired of the paparazzi attention that's become a regular part of her life since her sister, Kate, married Prince William, so her lawyers are taking action, according to Hollyscoop.

Citing the "serious distress and anxiety" the photographers' presence causes, Middleton's lawyers have sent cease-and-desist letters to the "nine or 10 agencies outside her door every day," threatening legal action if they don't ease off.

As for publications, so far the Daily Mail is the only one to vow to stop using paparazzi images of Middleton.

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Is Aniston preggers?

Jennifer Aniston is reportedly six months pregnant with boyfriend Justin Theroux's child, according to MTV UK — though the pregnancy is news even to friends. "She wouldn't have wanted to make a big deal but she must be so excited," a pal says. "If anyone ever asked if she was worried about running out of time, she'd reply, 'I'm absolutely having kids there's not one doubt in my mind.'"

Aniston has been spotted out at a pair of events recently either bundled up around the middle or showing off a suspiciously swelled belly.

Speculation that the couple might be expecting began in October when they were spotted leaving a clinic together.

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▶Jennifer Aniston

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▶ Chinese New Year begins Monday and ends Feb. 9. The celebration has become part of what it means to be Canadian with special traditions each day.

Chinese New Year traditions revolve around starting with clean slate, welcoming prosperity

STEPHANIE ORFORD
FOR METRO

After 4,710 years, Chinese New Year has snowballed into one doozy of a party. The celebration has also become part of what it means to be Canadian, and communities across the country will honour and enjoy its rich traditions Monday (Jan. 23).

Chinese New Year is first and foremost a celebration of renewal, explained Kathy Gibler, executive director of the Dr. Sun Yat-Sen Classical Chinese Garden in Vancouver.

In that spirit, its traditions revolve around repaying debts and repelling bad spirits to start off the new year with a clean slate, and welcome prosperity.

Each day has special traditions, such as sending off the kitchen god, decorating the house with flowers and fruits, or remembering departed relatives, explained Gibler.

Because China covers such a large area, traditional food varies widely, but in most households you can't go wrong with fish, which symbolizes abundance, Gibler said. Potstickers and the myriad traditional pastries are also popular choices.

Many people decorate their homes and businesses with red good luck couplets — paper characters with meanings like good luck, long life and prosperity.

"It's a really social time of year," explained Gibler, who lived in China for six years. Many people make house visits to wish friends and family a happy new year, and red envelopes containing money are a common gift, especially for children.

When the clock strikes midnight on Chinese New Year's Eve, the family runs outside to set off firecrackers and chase away bad luck that might be lingering from the year before.

"Chinese New Year is like Christmas for Canadians, eh?" explained Jun Ing, the parade marshal for Vancouver's Chinese New Year parade.

In honour of the year of the water dragon, his parade will have three long dragons, each held up by many dancers.

The symbol of water in this year's water dragon zodiac tempers the powerful, fiery nature of the dragon to make the water dragon less hotheaded and more peaceful, while still remaining strong, explained Gibler.

The lion dance will also make an appearance with its upbeat gong and drum accompaniment, said Ing. He is overseeing more than 14 lion dance teams in the parade this year.

Since its inception 39 years ago, the Vancouver Chinese New Year parade has grown incredibly and taken on a multicultural flavour. Now, many different groups participate, including Special Olympians and Korean martial artists and dancers, Ing explained.

"It's the Canadian way of doing it."

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▶ Sandra Bullock

Famous Dragons

Include chef Bobby Flay, actress Monica Bellucci, Ringo Starr, John Lennon, Matt Dillon, Nick Nolte, Al Pacino, Martin Sheen, Sigmund Freud, Mae West, Bruce Lee, Keanu Reeves, Orlando Bloom, Colin Farrell, and Sandra Bullock.

▶ Orlando Bloom

▶ Keanu Reeves

Lunar New Year

- **The Lunar New Year** holiday — also known as the Chinese New Year — is not only a traditional festival for the Chinese, but also for the Korean, Vietnamese and many other East Asian populations in Canada. It is also known in some cultures as the "Spring Festival."
- **The Year of the Dragon** begins Monday, and ends Feb. 9. **STATISTICS CANADA**

Find your sign

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Born in 1953, 1965, 1977, 1989, 2001, 2013
The Snake symbolizes such character traits as intelligence, gracefulness and materialism.

HORSE
Born in 1954, 1966, 1978, 1990, 2002, 2014
The Horse symbolizes character traits as strength, energy, and an outgoing nature.

SHEEP
Born in 1955, 1967, 1979, 1991, 2003, 2015
The Sheep symbolizes such character traits as creativity, intelligence, dependability, and calmness.

MONKEY
Born in 1956, 1968, 1980, 1992, 2004, 2016
The Monkey possesses character traits as curiosity, mischievousness, and cleverness.

ROOSTER
Born in 1957, 1969, 1981, 1993, 2005, 2017
The Rooster symbolizes such character traits as confidence, pompousness and motivation.

DOG
Born in 1958, 1970, 1982, 1994, 2006, 2018
The Dog symbolizes character traits such as loyalty, compatibility and kindness.

PIG
Born in 1959, 1971, 1983, 1995, 2007, 2019
The Pig symbolizes such character traits as diligence, compassion, and generosity.

RAT
Born in 1948, 1960, 1972, 1984, 1996, 2008, 2020
The Rat symbolizes such character traits as wit, imagination and curiosity.

OX
Born in 1949, 1961, 1973, 1985, 1997, 2009, 2021
Oxen possess such character traits as dependability, strength and determination.

TIGER
Born in 1950, 1962, 1974, 1986, 1998, 2010, 2022
The Tiger symbolizes such character traits as bravery, competitiveness and unpredictability.

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Born in 1951, 1963, 1975, 1987, 1999, 2011, 2023
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Portion control

Carolyn O'Brien, registered dietitian for Dempster's, shares tips to cut down without cutting out your favourite foods

1. Eat six small meals a day, making sure to fuel up pre and post workout.
2. Look for smaller versions of your favourite foods. Love bagels? Try Dempster's Thin Bagels, which are less than half the calories of regular bagels. **DEMPSTER'S**

Eggs, the original superfood, are a protein-packed staple with a lot to offer.

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▶ This recipe serves four.

Reimagining a staple of breakfast

Eggs benedict ditches English muffin in favour of portobello mushroom

Preparation:

1 Rub portobello caps with oil and sprinkle with salt. Spread on baking sheet, cap side up, and roast in 400 F (200 C) oven 15 mins. or until tender.

2 Hollandaise Sauce: Melt butter in small saucepan over low heat. Place egg yolks, lemon juice and salt in blender, and blend for few seconds on High. Remove blender lid, and slowly pour in one third of melted butter. Replace lid and blend for a few seconds on high. Remove lid and pour in another third of melted butter; blend. Repeat with final third of melted butter. Return to saucepan and keep warm. If sauce is too thick, add some hot water, a tablespoon (15 mL) at a time, while whisking constantly until desired consistency is reached. Taste and adjust lemon juice and salt.

3 Fill saucepan (9-inch/23 cm minimum) with 2 to 3 inches (5 to 7.5 cm) of water. Add vinegar. Bring to simmer over medium heat; reduce heat to low. Crack eggs one at a time into small dish, and gently slip them into barely simmering water. Cover pan and cook 4 minutes, until whites are cooked but yolks are still runny (you can test this by gently touching them—they should jiggle). Remove eggs with a slotted spoon, and drain on paper towels.

4 To assemble, place one mushroom cap on each of 4 plates. Top with a poached egg, and a spoonful of hollandaise sauce. Garnish with chives, if desired. Serve immediately. **NEWS CANADA/ JENNIFER HILL OF FOODESS.COM/ ADAPTED BY EMILY RICHARDS (PROFESSIONAL HOME ECONOMIST, COOKBOOK AUTHOR AND A TV CELEBRITY CHEF. FOR MORE, VISIT EMILYRICHARDSCOOKS.CA)**

Ingredients:

- 4 large portobello mushrooms, stemmed
- 2 tbsp (30 mL) olive oil
- Pinch salt

Hollandaise Sauce:

- 1/2 cup (125 mL) butter
- 3 egg yolks
- 2 tbsp (30 mL) lemon juice
- 1/4 tsp (1 mL) salt
- Hot water, as needed
- 4 eggs
- 2 tbsp (30 mL) white vinegar
- Fresh chives, for garnish

The anatomy of scotch

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Though he admits to never having tasted gasoline, I have a friend who imagines the closest thing to it he's had in his mouth is scotch.

I've tried to turn him around by explaining that to understand it, you need to know that there are three key Scottish varieties.

Blended scotch is a mix of malt and other grain whiskies, vatted versions are a union of just malt whiskies and single malts are the malty output of one distillery.

While most Scots say the real art is in the blending, it's been single malts (with unique characteristics influenced by their surroundings, water source and distiller's philosophy) that have made Scottish booze famous in North America.

With Robert Burns Day on the horizon, there's no better time for my buddy to hold on to his haggis and dive into a palate pounder like Laphroaig 10 Year Old ($70.12 - $84.99) from the island of Islay. It oozes iodine, peat, an attractively abrasive flavour that shouts 'Scotland' and the individuality that makes its malts so pleasantly polarizing. **PRICES REFLECT THE RANGE ACROSS CANADA. SOME PRODUCTS MAY NOT BE AVAILABLE IN ALL PROVINCES.**

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All-star choices 'difficult': Blake

Rob Blake knows an all-star when he sees one. And he's come to grips with the fact he couldn't invite them all to Ottawa's Scotiabank Place later this month for the NHL's all-star weekend.

"There are some real good players, like every year, that aren't going," he said in an interview.

Blake made seven all-star appearances during a Hall of Fame career that ended in 2010. Now manager of the NHL's hockey operations department, he's overseeing the event.

Part of his role his is deciding on the list of all-star invitees along with other members of the hockey operations staff.

"The selection process is difficult," said Blake. "You figure in past Stanley Cup champions, you figure in obviously scoring leaders from years ago and some of the older players ... there's a lot that goes into it."

All-star weekend runs from Jan. 26 to Jan. 29.

Fans voted the first six all-stars with hockey operations staff adding the remaining 36 last week.

Among those that were overlooked were Patrice Bergeron (Boston), James Neal (Pittsburgh), Scott Hartnell (Philadelphia), Kris Versteeg (Florida) and Radim Vrbata (Phoenix).

Each of them still has a chance to find his way to Ottawa as an injury replacement.

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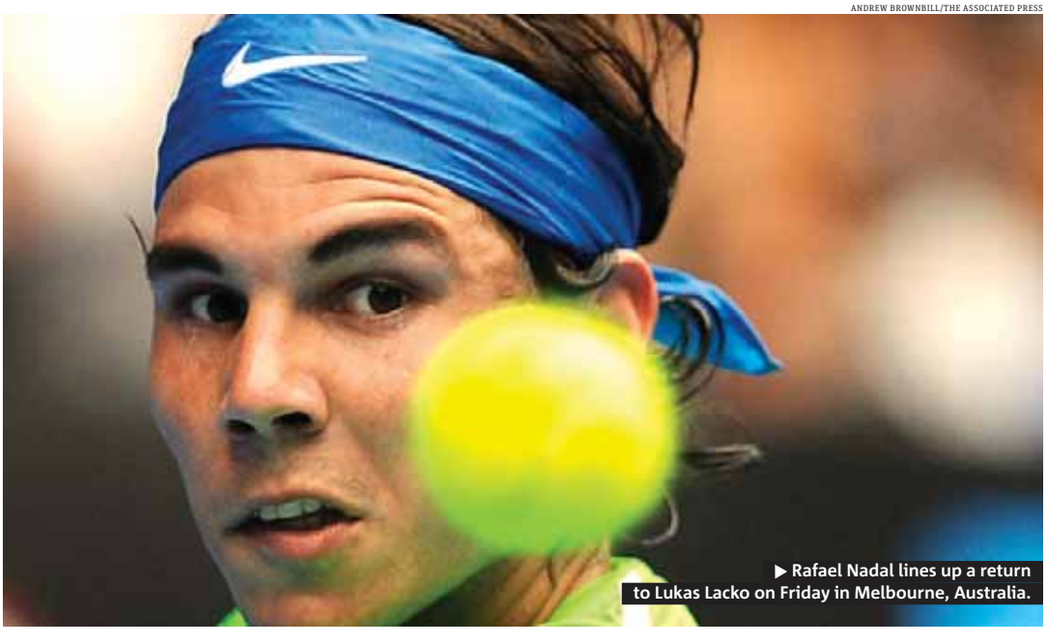

▶ Rafael Nadal lines up a return to Lukas Lacko on Friday in Melbourne, Australia.

Moving on in Melbourne

Spain's Nadal puts injury aside, punches ticket to 4th round of Australian Open ◐ Women's No. 1 Caroline Wozniacki also moves on in straight sets

Rafael Nadal moved into the fourth round of the Australian Open without dropping a set or showing any signs that a freak knee injury is bothering him.

The No. 2-ranked Nadal had a 6-2, 6-4, 6-2 win Friday over Slovakia's Lukas Lacko, the last qualifier in the draw, and will next play either John Isner or Feliciano Lopez.

Nadal, who won the 2009 Australian title but has gone out in the quarter-finals due to injuries the last two years, felt a crack and then sharp pain in his right knee while sitting in a chair at his hotel on the weekend and was concerned that he might not be able to play in his opening.

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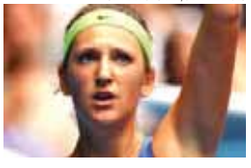

Medical tests didn't show any serious damage, and he has since had the knee heavily taped.

"The knee is fine. That's important thing," the 10-time major winner said. "The match was a really complete match, a really solid one.

"Very happy about my game."

Nadal is on the same half of the draw as Roger Federer at a major for the first time since 2005. Federer, who has won four of his 16 Grand Slam titles in Australia, defeated Ivo Karlovic 7-6(6) 7-5 6-3 in the following match.

On the women's side, No. 1 seed Caroline Wozniacki continued her quest for a first major title with a 6-2, 6-2 win over Monica Niculescu and third-seeded Victoria Azarenka beat Mona Barthel 6-2, 6-4.

Wozniacki, who needs to reach the quarter-finals to have any chance of retaining the No. 1 ranking, wasted one match point and was broken when she was serving for the match, but broke back immediately to ensure she moved into the Round of 16.

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"I've been playing in the end not brave enough to finish the match ... I had to get a little angry."

VICTORIA AZARENKA, WHO WAS ANNOYED THAT SHE NEEDED FIVE MATCH POINTS AND FOR RUNNING OUT OF CHALLENGES BEFORE SHE NEEDED TO REVIEW A LINE CALL IN THE LAST GAME TO FINISH OFF MONA BARTHEL

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"Whenever the swelling settles down a little bit, I'll be back in the lineup doing the best I can."

EDMONTON OILERS FORWARD TAYLOR HALL. THE 20-YEAR-OLD, WHO HAS BEEN OUT SINCE SUFFERING A NASTY GASH TO HIS HEAD FROM A TEAMMATE'S SKATE DURING WARMUP BEFORE TUESDAY'S GAME IN COLUMBUS, SAID HE HOPES TO PLAY SATURDAY AGAINST CALGARY.

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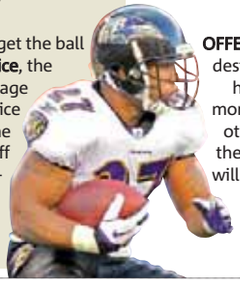
Breaking down the final four

On Sunday, the Super Bowl matchup will be set as the Ravens play the Patriots and the Giants face the 49ers

Ravens



OFFENCE: The Ravens must get the ball in the hands of RB **Ray Rice**, the league's leader in total yardage with 2,068 (1,364 rushing). Rice was dynamic the last time he faced the Patriots in a playoff game at Foxborough, breaking an 83-yard run on the first Baltimore play from scrimmage.

DEFENCE: Led by All-Pro NT Haloti Ngata and LB Terrell Suggs — plus the ageless LB Ray Lewis and S Ed Reed — and using a never-back-down philosophy, the Ravens will get after Tom Brady as best they can. But they managed zero sacks and not a ton of pressure against Houston, whose offence is not on the same level as New England's.

Patriots

OFFENCE: Given time, QB Tom Brady will destroy even the best defences. But he hasn't faced a high-quality one in months, and the best defence the Patriots played in 2011, Pittsburgh's, held them to a season-low 17 points. Brady will run the no-huddle as often as possible, hoping to force the Ravens defenders to stay on the field more often than usual.

DEFENCE: Expect Patriots coach Bill Belichick to have something schemed up to neutralize Ray Rice, forcing QB Joe Flacco to beat his team. Flacco isn't spectacular and the Ravens rarely have asked him to be the focal point of the offence. Belichick could force that to happen, especially if superb NT Vince Wilfork has his way in the trenches.

Giants

OFFENCE: The Giants were extremely efficient down the stretch to win the NFC East. They've continued that in the playoffs, mixing in big plays with ball security, getting huge contributions from WRs **Hakeem Nicks**, Victor Cruz and Mario Manningham, and just enough rushing from Ahmad Bradshaw and Brandon Jacobs.

DEFENCE: The Giants have a potentially overpowering pass rush led by All-Pro DE Jason Pierre-Paul, DEs Justin Tuck and Osi Umenyiora, and revitalized LB Michael Boley. They stumbled often in pass coverage for much of the season, but came on in recent weeks against the likes of Tony Romo, Matt Ryan and Aaron Rodgers.

49ers

OFFENCE: If the Niners establish the run with Frank Gore, who rushed for 1,211 yards and eight TDs, and can spring backup Kendall Hunter a few times, it will make QB Alex Smith more effective. In by far the best season of his seven-year career, Smith has avoided turnovers, made more precise throws than ever and been patient.

DEFENCE: The Niners, who allowed an NFC-low 229 points, have strong coverage backs in CB Carlos Rodgers and S Dashon Goldson, each of whom had six interceptions. San Francisco also might be the best tackling team in the NFL, and S Donte Whitner's hit on Pierre Thomas last week displayed that.

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d-Washington	45	25	18	0	2	128	127	52	17-6-0-1	8-12-0-1	7-3-0-0	W1
Philadelphia	45	27	14	2	2	150	133	58	11-7-1-1	16-7-1-1	6-4-0-0	L1
Ottawa	48	26	16	4	2	149	150	58	14-9-0-1	12-7-4-1	8-1-1-0	W1
New Jersey	46	26	18	1	1	127	130	54	12-8-0-1	14-10-1-0	6-3-1-0	L1
Pittsburgh	46	25	17	2	2	140	118	54	12-8-2-0	13-9-0-2	4-6-0-0	W4
Florida	45	21	14	5	5	115	127	52	11-5-1-5	10-9-4-0	3-3-3-1	L3
Toronto	46	23	18	3	2	143	141	51	13-7-2-2	10-11-1-0	5-4-1-0	W1
Winnipeg	47	22	20	3	2	120	134	49	15-8-0-1	7-12-3-1	4-6-0-0	W1
Buffalo	47	19	23	3	2	115	144	43	11-9-3-2	8-14-0-0	2-6-1-1	L4
Montreal	46	17	21	2	6	116	126	42	8-10-2-4	9-12-0-1	4-5-0-1	L1
NY Islanders	45	18	21	4	2	110	135	42	10-11-3-0	8-10-1-2	6-4-0-0	W2
Tampa Bay	45	18	23	1	3	126	159	40	12-7-0-1	6-16-1-2	4-5-0-1	W1
Carolina	48	16	24	4	4	124	156	40	11-11-0-3	5-13-4-1	4-4-0-2	L2

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	OTL	SL	GF	GA	Pts	Home	Away	Last 10	Strk
d-Detroit	47	31	15	1	0	152	107	63	18-2-1-0	13-13-0-0	9-1-0-0	W5
d-Vancouver	47	28	15	0	4	151	117	60	12-6-0-3	16-9-0-1	5-3-0-2	L2
d-San Jose	43	26	12	3	2	125	100	57	15-7-2-0	11-5-1-2	7-1-1-1	W1
St. Louis	46	28	12	1	5	117	94	62	20-3-1-2	8-9-0-3	7-1-1-1	W3
Chicago	47	28	13	3	3	156	135	62	18-5-1-3	10-8-2-0	5-3-2-0	W2
Nashville	47	27	16	3	1	128	123	58	14-7-2-1	13-9-1-0	8-2-0-0	W1
Los Angeles	47	23	15	4	5	105	105	55	13-10-0-3	10-5-4-2	5-1-2-2	W1
Colorado	48	25	21	2	0	124	137	52	14-11-0-0	11-10-2-0	6-3-1-0	W1
Minnesota	47	22	18	2	5	107	122	51	12-6-1-2	10-12-1-3	2-6-0-2	L4
Dallas	45	24	19	0	2	122	129	50	13-8-0-2	11-11-0-0	4-5-0-1	L3
Phoenix	48	21	19	3	5	124	128	50	9-8-2-2	12-11-1-3	3-4-1-2	L2
Calgary	47	21	20	3	3	112	133	48	13-6-1-1	8-14-2-2	3-5-1-1	L2
Anaheim	45	16	22	3	4	119	140	39	11-12-1-0	5-10-2-4	6-3-1-0	W3
Edmonton	46	17	25	1	3	116	132	38	11-7-1-2	6-18-0-1	2-7-1-0	L2
Columbus	46	13	28	1	4	110	152	31	8-13-1-2	5-15-0-2	4-6-0-0	L1

d — division leaders ranked 1-2-3 regardless of points; a team winning in overtime or shootout is credited with two points and a victory in the W column; the team losing in overtime or shootout receives one point which is registered in the OTL (overtime loss) or SL (shootout loss) column.

Last night's results
Toronto 4 Minnesota 1
Winnipeg 4 Buffalo 1
St. Louis 1 Edmonton 0
Boston 4 New Jersey 1
Detroit 3 Phoenix 2 (SO)
Nashville 3 Columbus 0
N.Y. Islanders 4 Philadelphia 1
Pittsburgh 4 N.Y. Rangers 1
Calgary at Los Angeles
Ottawa at San Jose

Wednesday's results
Washington 3 Montreal 0
Chicago 6 Buffalo 2
Colorado 4 Florida 3 (OT)
Anaheim 6 Phoenix 2

Tonight's games — All Times Eastern
Montreal at Pittsburgh, 7 p.m.
Washington at Carolina, 7 p.m.
Florida at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.

Tomorrow's games
N.Y. Rangers at Boston, 1 p.m.
Philadelphia at New Jersey, 1 p.m.
San Jose at Vancouver, 4 p.m.
Ottawa at Anaheim, 4:05 p.m. (changed from 7 p.m.)
Montreal at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Carolina at N.Y. Islanders, 7 p.m.
Columbus at Detroit, 7 p.m.
Florida at Winnipeg, 8 p.m.
Buffalo at St. Louis, 8 p.m.
Chicago at Nashville, 8 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Phoenix, 8 p.m.
Dallas at Minnesota, 9 p.m.
Calgary at Edmonton, 10 p.m.
Colorado at Los Angeles, 10:30 p.m.

Sunday's games
Boston at Philadelphia, 3 p.m.
Washington at Pittsburgh, 3 p.m.
Colorado at Anaheim, 8 p.m.

MAPLE LEAFS 4, WILD 1

First Period
1. Toronto, Kadri 4 (Lupul) 0:50
2. Toronto, Crabb 8 (Steckel) 5:11

Penalties — None.

Second Period
3. Toronto, Kessel 25 (Lupul, Connolly) 15:48 (pp)

Penalties — Peters Minn (hooking) 3:23, Zidlicky Min (hooking) 6:43, Steckel Tor (hooking) 9:34, Stoner Minn (high-sticking) 13:40, Clutterbuck Minn (slashing) 14:25, Brodziak Minn (boarding, unsportsmanlike conduct) 19:39, Gunnarsson Tor (interference) 19:51.

Third Period
4. Toronto, Grabovski 15 (Lupul, Gardiner) 0:47
5. Minnesota, Johnson 6 (Brodziak, Stoner) 17:33

Penalties — None.

Shots on goal by

Minnesota	9	4	8	— 21
Toronto	8	15	10	— 33

Goal — Minnesota: Backstrom (L,12-12-4); Toronto: Gustavsson (W,14-9-0). **Power plays (goals-chances)** — Minnesota 0-1; Toronto 1-4. **Attendance** — 19,421 (18,819) at Toronto.

JETS 4, SABRES 1

First Period
1. Winnipeg, Ladd 16 (Hainsey, Wellwood) 11:34

Penalties — McCormick Buf, Stuart Wpg (fighting) 4:29.

Second Period
2. Buffalo, Stafford 8 (Gerbe) 4:18
3. Winnipeg, Enstrom 4 (Little, Wheeler) 12:55 (pp)

Penalties — Buffalo bench (too many men; served by Stafford) 11:41, Hecht Buf (interference) 13:31, Stapleton Wpg (hooking) 14:26, Gerbe Buf, Wheeler Wpg (unsportsmanlike conduct) 20:00.

Third Period
4. Wpg, Stapleton 7 (Antropov, Ladd) 3:46 (pp)
5. Winnipeg, Antropov 6 (Wellwood, Oduya) 18:40

Penalties — Roy Buf (tripping) 3:00, Antropov Wpg (roughing) 9:28, McCormick Buf (interference) 11:58.

Shots on goal by

Buffalo	10	7	9	— 26
Winnipeg	19	11	3	— 33

Goal — Buffalo: Miller (L,11-14-2); Winnipeg: Pavelec (W,16-16-5) **Power plays (goals-chances)** — Buffalo: 0-2; Winnipeg: 2-3. **Attendance** — 15,004 (15,004) ast Winnipeg.

BLUES 1, OILERS 0

First Period — No Scoring.

Penalties — Sutton Edm (elbowing) 4:24, Eager Edm, Crombeen StL (fighting) 14:21, Arnott StL (holding stick) 16:23.

Second Period — No Scoring.

Penalties — Nichol StL (roughing) 2:46, Potter Edm (hooking) 14:23, Sutton Edm (roughing) 16:00, Green Edm (hooking), Berglund StL (diving) 18:22, Horcoff Edm (tripping) 19:34.

Third Period
1. St. Louis, Pietrangelo 8 (Perron, Backes) 14:46

Penalty — Sutton Edm (tripping) 1:08.

Shots on goal by

Edmonton	4	7	4	— 15
St. Louis	19	7	12	— 38

Goal — Edmonton: Khabibulin (L,11-14-4); St. Louis: Halak (W,13-7-5). **Power plays (goals-chances)** — Edmonton: 0-2; St. Louis: 0-5. **Attendance** — 17,432 (19,150) at St. Louis, Mo.

SCORING LEADERS

	G	A	Pt
Malkin, Pgh	22	30	52
H.Sedin, Vcr	11	41	52
Stamkos, TB	31	20	51
D.Sedin, Vcr	20	30	50
Giroux, Pha	18	32	50
Kessel, Tor	24	25	49
Ma.Hossa, Chi	18	31	49
Datsyuk, Det	13	36	49
Toews, Chi	26	22	48
Lupul, Tor	20	28	48
Spezza, Ott	20	28	48
Pominville, Buf	17	29	46
Elias, NJ	17	27	44

Not including last night's games

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EAST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	Pct.	GF	GA	GB
Rochester	1	1	0	1.000	22	12	—
Buffalo	1	1	0	1.000	14	10	—
Philadelphia	1	0	1	.000	12	22	1
Toronto	2	0	2	.000	19	26	2

WEST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	Pct.	GF	GA	GB
Calgary	2	2	0	1.000	25	19	—
Colorado	1	1	0	1.000	20	14	½
Edmonton	0	0	0	.000	0	0	1
Minnesota	1	0	1	.000	14	20	1½
Washington	1	0	1	.000	10	13	1½

WEEK THREE

Tonight's game — All Times Eastern
Colorado at Edmonton, 9 p.m.

Tomorrow's games
Washington at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
Buffalo at Rochester, 7:30 p.m.
Colorado at Calgary, 9 p.m.

GOLF

PGA HUMANA CHALLENGE

At La Quinta, Calif.
Par 72
First Round

Camilo Villegas	32-31—63
David Toms	32-31—63
Ted Potter, Jr.	30-34—64
Sang-Moon Bae	31-33—64
Brandt Snedeker	33-31—64
Bob Estes	32-32—64
Steve Marino	34-31—65
Chad Collins	34-31—65
Mathew Goggin	33-32—65
Brendon de Jonge	31-34—65
Ben Crane	34-31—65
Seung-yul Noh	31-34—65
Kevin Chappell	33-32—65
Blake Adams	34-32—66
Stephen Ames	**34-32—66**
Gary Christian	36-30—66
Bud Cauley	33-33—66
Mark Wilson	33-33—66
Martin Laird	33-33—66
Kevin Na	33-33—66
Brendon Todd	34-32—66
Jeff Overton	35-32—67
Erik Compton	35-32—67
Michael Bradley	33-34—67
Pat Perez	34-33—67
Brett Quigley	33-34—67
William McGirt	33-34—67
Also	
David Hearn	**35-33—68**

NFL PLAYOFFS

CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Sunday's games
All Times Eastern
AFC — Baltimore (13-4) at New England (14-3), 3 p.m.
NFC — N.Y. Giants (11-7) at San Francisco (14-3), 6:30 p.m.

SOCCER

CONCACAF WOMEN'S OLYMPIC QUALIFYING

At Vancouver

FIRST ROUND

Last night's results
Costa Rica 2 Cuba 0
Canada vs. Haiti

Tonight's games — All Times Eastern
Mexico vs. Guatemala, 8 p.m.
Dominican Rep. vs. U.S., 10:30 p.m.

Tomorrow's games
Haiti vs. Costa Rica, 8 p.m.
Canada vs. Cuba, 10:30 p.m.

Sunday's games
Mexico vs. Dominican Republic, 5 p.m.
U.S. vs. Guatemala, 7:30 p.m.

ITALY

ITALIAN CUP

ROUND OF 16
Yesterday's result
Inter Milan 2 Genoa 1

SPAIN

COPA DEL REY

QUARTER-FINALS — FIRST LEG
Yesterday's result
Valencia 4 Levante 1

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
d-Chicago	13	3	.813	—
d-Atlanta	11	4	.733	1½
d-Philadelphia	10	4	.714	2
Orlando	10	4	.714	2
Miami	10	4	.714	2
Indiana	9	4	.692	2½
Cleveland	6	7	.462	5½
New York	6	8	.429	6
Boston	5	8	.385	6½
Milwaukee	4	9	.308	7½
New Jersey	4	11	.267	8½
Toronto	4	11	.267	8½
Detroit	3	12	.200	9½
Charlotte	3	12	.200	9½
Washington	2	12	.143	10

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
d-Oklahoma City	12	3	.800	—
Utah	9	4	.692	2
d-San Antonio	10	5	.667	2
d-L.A. Clippers	8	4	.667	2½
Denver	10	5	.667	2
L.A. Lakers	10	6	.625	2½
Portland	8	6	.571	3½
Memphis	7	6	.538	4
Dallas	8	7	.533	4
Houston	8	7	.533	4
Minnesota	6	8	.429	5½
Golden State	5	9	.357	6½
Phoenix	5	9	.357	6½
Sacramento	5	10	.333	7
New Orleans	3	12	.200	9

d-division leaders ranked in top four positions regardless of record.

Last night's results
Houston 90 New Orleans 88 (OT)
Miami 98 L.A. Lakers 87
Dallas at Utah

Wednesday's results
Boston 96 Toronto 73
Atlanta 92 Portland 89
Denver 108 Philadelphia 104 (OT)
L.A. Clippers 91 Dallas 89
Memphis 93 New Orleans 87
Minnesota 93 Detroit 85
New Jersey 107 Golden State 100
Phoenix 91 New York 88
Sacramento 92 Indiana 88
San Antonio 85 Orlando 83 (OT)
Washington 105 Oklahoma City 102

Tonight's games — All times Eastern
Portland at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Denver at Washington, 7 p.m.
Atlanta at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
Phoenix at Boston, 7:30 p.m.
Chicago at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.
Memphis at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
Milwaukee at New York, 7:30 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Orlando, 8 p.m.
Sacramento at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.
Indiana at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.
Minnesota at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.

Tomorrow's games
Cleveland at Atlanta, 7 p.m.
Denver at New York, 7:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at Miami, 7:30 p.m.
Portland at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
Oklahoma City at New Jersey, 8 p.m.
Charlotte at Chicago, 8 p.m.
Sacramento at Memphis, 8 p.m.
Dallas at New Orleans, 8 p.m.
San Antonio at Houston, 8 p.m.
Minnesota at Utah, 9 p.m.

Sunday's games
Boston at Washington, 1 p.m.
Toronto at L.A. Clippers, 3:30 p.m.
Charlotte at New Jersey, 6 p.m.
Milwaukee at Miami, 6 p.m.
Indiana at L.A. Lakers, 9:30 p.m.

TENNIS

AUSTRALIAN OPEN

At Melbourne, Australia
Yesterday's results

Men's Singles — Second Round
Novak Djokovic (1), Serbia, def. Santiago Giraldo, Colombia, 6-3, 6-2, 6-1.
Andy Murray (4), Britain, def. Edouard Roger-Vasselin, France, 6-1, 6-4, 6-4.
David Ferrer (5), Spain, def. Ryan Sweeting, U.S., 6-7 (4), 6-2, 3-6, 6-2, 6-3.
Jo-Wilfried Tsonga (6), France, def. Ricardo Mello, Brazil, 7-5, 6-4, 6-4.
Janko Tipsarevic (9), Serbia, def. James Duckworth, Australia, 3-6, 6-2, 7-6 (5), 6-4.
Julien Benneteau, France, def. Gilles Simon (12), France, 7-5, 7-6 (8), 1-6, 3-6, 6-2.
Gael Monfils (14), France, def. Thomaz Bellucci, Brazil, 2-6, 6-0, 6-4, 6-2.
Lleyton Hewitt, Australia, def. Andy Roddick (15), U.S., 3-6, 6-3, 6-4 (retired).
Richard Gasquet (17), France, def. Andrey Golubev, Kazakhstan, 6-4, 6-2, 3-0 (retired).
Mikhail Kukushkin, Kazakhstan, def. Viktor Troicki (19), Serbia, 5-7, 6-4, 6-2, 4-6, 6-3.
Milos Raonic (23), Thornhill, Ont., def. Philipp Petzschner, Germany, 6-4, 5-7, 6-2, 7-5.
Kei Nishikori (24), Japan, def. Matthew Ebden, Australia, 3-6, 1-6, 6-4, 6-1, 6-1.
Frederico Gil, Portugal, def. Marcel Granollers (26), Spain, 6-3, 4-6, 6-4, 6-3.
Juan Ignacio Chela (27), Argentina, def. Pablo Andujar, Spain, 6-4, 6-4, 6-3.
Michael Llodra, France, def. Alex Bogomolov Jr. (32), Russia, 6-1, 6-3, 4-6, 5-7, 6-4.

Doubles — Second Round
Max Mirnyi, Belarus, and **Daniel Nestor (2), Toronto,** def. Benjamin Mitchell and Matt Reid, Australia, 6-2, 6-2.

Women's Singles — Second Round
Petra Kvitova (2), Czech Republic, def. Carla Suarez Navarro, Spain, 6-2, 2-6, 6-4.
Maria Sharapova (4), Russia, def. Jamie Hampton, United States, 6-0, 6-1.
Vera Zvonareva (7), Russia, def. Lucie Hradecka, Czech Republic, 6-1, 7-6 (3).
Marion Bartoli (9), France, def. Jelena Dokic, Australia, 6-3, 6-2.
Serena Williams (12), U.S., def. Barbora Zahlavova Strycova, Czech Republic, 6-0, 6-4.
Sabine Lisicki (14), Germany, def. Shahar Peer, Israel, 6-1, 6-2.
Vania King, U.S., def. Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova (15), Russia, 5-7, 6-3, 6-4.
Greta Arn, Hungary, def. Dominika Cibulkova (17), Slovakia, 6-2, 3-6, 10-8.
Svetlana Kuznetsova (18), Russia, def. Sloane Stephens, U.S., 7-6 (6), 7-5.
Ana Ivanovic (21), Serbia, def. Michaella Krajicek, Netherlands, 6-2, 6-3.
Zheng Jie, China, def. Roberta Vinci (23), Italy, 6-4, 6-2.
Ekaterina Makarova, Russia, def. Kaia Kanepi (25), Estonia, 6-2, 7-5.
Maria Kirilenko (27), Russia, def. **Aleksandra Wozniak, Blainville, Que.**, 6-4, 1-6, 6-2.
Sara Errani, Italy, def. Nadia Petrova (29), Russia, 6-2, 6-2.
Angelique Kerber (30), Germany, def. **Stephanie Dubois, Laval, Que.**, 7-5, 6-1.

Doubles — First Round
Gisela Dulko, Argentina, and Flavia Pennetta (4), Italy, def. Irina Falconi, U.S., and **Rebecca Marino, Vancouver**, 3-6, 6-4, 6-4.

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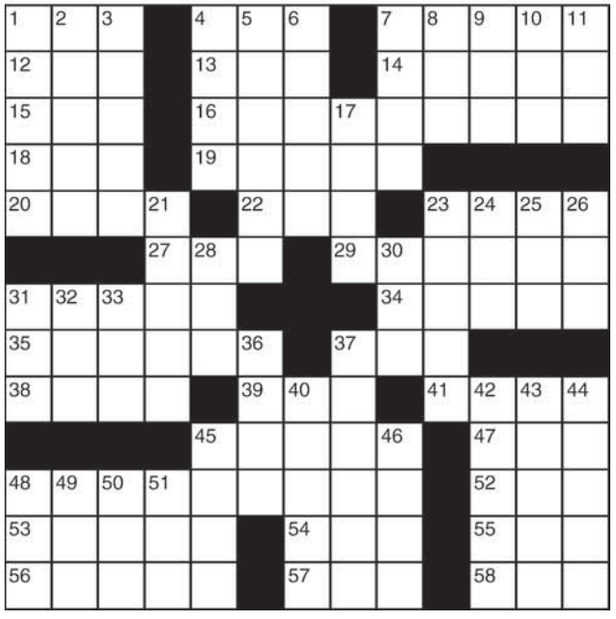

Across

1 Voters' mo.
4 "Awesome!"
7 First-aid wrapper
12 "The Greatest"
13 Leading lady?
14 Shrivel
15 Altar affirmative
16 Wagnerian riders
18 Not feel well
19 Laundry woe
20 Out of play
22 Sailor's agreement
23 Advantage
27 Corn spike
29 Tranquilizer name
31 In any way possible
34 African language
35 Dale
37 Chap
38 Ova
39 Portion of N.A.
41 Color crudely
45 Foot soldier
47 Code of life
48 February mailing
52 Lubricate
53 Sports venue
54 Earl Grey, e.g.
55 Caviar base
56 Trapshooting
57 Mess up
58 Football position

Down

1 Water nymph
2 Black-and-white film, e.g.
3 String instrument
4 Guns the engine
5 James Cameron movie
6 Hold up
7 Charles II's mistress Nell
8 Melody
9 Submachine gun
10 Last letter
11 Halves of ems
17 Chicken —
21 — of the Wisconsin
23 Serengeti critter
24 Cacophony
25 Stomach
26 Flightless bird
28 Hearty quaff
30 Lawyers' org.
31 "Hail!"
32 Playground game
33 Math course
36 Domed tent
37 Bearing
40 Hotel accommodation
42 Worship
43 Civil War side
44 Bundled hay
45 Summertime pest
46 Rip
48 Anatomical duct
49 Biblical boat
50 Shelter
51 ºAway from WSW

▶ Yesterday's answer

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Sudoku

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	8			6			9	2
		6				1		
7	3			9			5	
			9		7			
9	5						6	3
3				1				8

How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's answer ▶

1	2	8	7	6	4	3	9	5
3	5	6	1	9	2	7	4	8
9	7	4	3	8	5	2	1	6
7	1	2	6	4	8	9	5	3
4	3	5	2	1	9	6	8	7
6	8	9	5	3	7	1	2	4
5	9	3	8	7	1	4	6	2
8	6	1	4	2	3	5	7	9
2	4	7	9	5	6	8	3	1

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Girl of my dreams Missing you today I hate that we are apart Without your morning smile I don't know where to start This day drags on and on I need you to keep it fun Where are you to read my horoscope Or to call me hun? Tomorrow I'll see you again I can hardly wait It'll be the best day of the week Because working with you is great xoxox. **GOOFBALL**

Mr.Johnson Spelt Johnson I LOVE YOUR XXX's Just want the world to know how much you mean to me, Sexy Man. oXoXoXo. **DANI**

Cupcake, i love u with all my heart your the only one that has faith in me thank you for beliving in me i cant wait till i marry you your my sweet desert that i cant not live without and i am your firecracker that will go off at any point lol love u for ever and always **FIRECRACKER**

A look at the weather

TODAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Min -29° Max -19°	Min -20° Max 3°	Min -6° Max 2°

Andrew Schultz, Meteorologist
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Today's horoscope

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♈ Aries March 21-April 20
From today, other people will find it much easier to work with you. Yes, you can be a difficult partner.

♉ Taurus April 21-May 21
With the Sun crossing the career angle of your chart, you must not get upset about things that require a practical approach.

♊ Gemini May 22-June 21
You may not have been at your best of late but very soon you will look and feel like a million dollars.

♋ Cancer June 22-July 22
If you have been living beyond your means in recent weeks, you will have to tighten your belt now.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug.23
You will make a lot of friends over the next few days, and most likely you will make one or two enemies.

♍ Virgo Aug. 24- Sept. 22
You need to tighten up your working routine. You have wasted a lot of time on activities that are of no real importance.

♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23
The Sun's move into your fellow Air sign of Aquarius means the next four weeks should be truly special.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22
Make allowances for loved ones and relatives who don't share your level of self-control.

♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21
You can quite easily turn potential foes into allies today, simply by being a bit less aggressive.

♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20
The Sun leaves your birth sign today but that does not mean your energy has to drop. Keep going.

♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18
Your very own new year begins today as the Sun moves into your sign. You should be making plans — and acting on them.

♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20
Look on the bright side of everything that happens in the next 24 hours. **SALLY BROMPTON**

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